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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ALEUT COMMUNITY OF ST. GEORGE ISLAND

PREAMBLE

We, the Aleuts of St. George Island, Pribilof Island, Territory of Alaska, in order to promote our general welfare, do establish this Costitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be called the Aleut Community of St. George Island.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Original Members. All persons of Aleut descent residing on St. George Island at the time of adoption of this Constitution and By-laws shall be members of the Community.

Section 2 - Loss of Membership. Any member who moves away from the Community, intending not to return, shall olse his membership, and any membership may be taken away for good reason by the Community.

Section 3 - Returning Absentees. All persons of Aleut descent born on St. George Island who have taken up residence elsewhere but who otherwise are in good standing shall be recognized as members whenever they return to and take up residence in good faith upon the Island.

Section 4 - Children of Members. All childred of any members shall be members of the Community as long as such members remain in good standing and reside upon the Island.

Section 5 - Membership Rules. In all cases other than those enumerated above, the Community may make its own rules governing membership and such rules shall include a statement of causes for taking away membership in the Community.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNING BODY

Section 1 - There shall be a council composed of President, and three members elected by the adult members of the Community.

Section 2 - The Council shall represent the Community in all its undertakings and shall exercise the powers of the Community enumerated

in this Constitution.

Section 3 - Each member of the Council shall serve for a term of one year.

Section 4 - The Community shall decide when and how often there should be meetings of the whole membership of the Community and when and how often there should be meetings of the governing body; also it shall decide what notice shall be given for the calling of meetings and how many members must be present as such meetings in order to do business; and it may make any other rules necessary for the holding of meetings. A general meeting of the whole membership shall be held at least once a year.

Section 5 - The terms of the existing Council members shall continue in force until their terms expire, at which time the members shall elect new council members as provided for in the Constitution.

ARTICLE IV - POWERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Section 1 - To do all things for the common good which it has done or has had the right to do in the past and which are not against Federal and the State laws may apply.

Section 2 - To deal with the Federal Government and its agencies and the State Government and its agencies on behalf of the Community; to deal with any person, firm, corporation and municipality on behalf of the Community.

Section 3 - To provide for filling vacancies in office consistant with this Constitution.

Section 4 - To levy dues, fees and assessments for community purposes on members of the Community and to provide for their collection and enforcement through its ordinances, for the good of the Community. No such assessments shall be laid except by resolution of the Council at any regularly called meeting.

ARTICLE V - CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - Any officer of the Council or official of the Community who is convicted of a felony or any other offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude shall forfeit his office.

Section 2 - If the office of a Council member is vacant for any reason other than expiration of the term, the Council may appoint a successor to serve until the next regular meeting of the Community, at which time a member shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution and By-laws may be proposed by a

resolution of the Council or of the Community which amendments, shall become effective when retified by a majority vote of adult members, provided that at least 30 percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

ARTICLE VII - DISSOLUTION

The Constituon and By-laws shall contine in existence until dissolved by a majority vote of the adult members of this Community, provided that at least 30 percent of the voters entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

BY-LAWS OF THE ALEUT COMMUNITY OF ST. GEORGE ISLAND

ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - The President. The president of the Council shall preside over all meetings of the Council and of the Community, exercising the usual duties of a chairman and other duties delegated to him. He may vote in Council meetings only in case of a tie. The President is charged with general responsibilities for the Administration of the Community ordinances and resolutions.

Section 2 - The Secretary. The Secretary of the Council shall act as a chairman in the event both the President and the Vice President is absent from the village. he shall conduct all correspondence and keep a complete accurate record of all business transactions of the Council or of the Community. He shall record all rules and regulations and ordinances in appropriate books for the information and guidance of the Community members.

Section 3 - The Treasurer. The Treasurer of the Council shall accept, receive, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all funds for which the Council is responsible. He shall meake a faithful record of such funds and shall report to the Council all receipts and expenditures and an amount and nature of all funds in his possession or custody. He shall not pay out or authorize disbursement of any funds for which he is responsible except upon authorization of the Council. The Treasurer may be required at the request of the Council to give bond satisfactory to the Council.

Section 4 - Appointive Officers. The duties of all appointive officers agents or committees appointed by the Council shall be clearly defined by a resolution of the Council at the time of appointment. No appointive officer shall serve for a term longer than the elective officers.

Section 5 - The Records. All accounts, records, books and minutes of the Council or Community Meetings shall be subject to examination by members of the Community or of the Council, or the agents of the Federal or State government having authorized business in the village.

ARTICLE II - QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - No person may be a candidate for any elective office unless he has the qualifications of a voter.

Section 2 - No person who has been convicted of a felony may be a candidate for any elective office.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

Section 1 - The Council shall meet on the second business day of the month at 7:30 P.M., unless otherwise ordered by the President, and such other times as may be voted by the majority of the Council.

Section 2 - The President may call such other special meetings as he may deem necessary by giving notice to the members of the Council.

Section 3 - The Quorum. Three Council members shall constitute a quorum for council meeting, and for general Community meetings, one-third of the membership shall constitute a quarum.

Section 4 - Careful and accurate record in the form of minutes shall be kept of all regular and special meetings of the Council and preserved in the appropriate files of the Council.

Section 5 - At a general meeting to be held on the third Wednesday of October, the members shall make nominations for and determine the candidates for Council at which time general election shall be held.

ARTICLE IV - RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Section 1 - All members of the village 19 years of age or older shall have the right to vote in village meetings and elections.

Section 2 - Members of the Community shall have the right to speak and meet freely in a peaceable way.

Section 3 - Members of the Community shall have equal chance to share in the benefits of the Community.

ARTICLE V - RULE MAKING POWER

The Council shall have power to make rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Constitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE VI - ADOPTION

This Constitution and By-laws shall be in affect when it is agreed to by the majority vote of the village members viting in an election called for the purpose; proveded, that at least 30 percent of the voting membership take part. The persons entitled to vote are all adult residents in the village of St. George Island, Alaska

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CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

We, the undersigned members of the village of St. George Island, Alaska, having been chosen to be the election judges by the majority of the members, certify that we were present at an election called for the purpose of adopting this Constitution and By-laws on JANUARY 27th, 1971; that the foregoing was duly adopted at such election by a vote of 25 for, and 0 against, where at least 30 percent of those entitled to vote cast their ballots.

Alexis H. Prokopiof
CHAIRMAN, ELECTION BOARD

Ann McGlaglan Prokopiof
ELECTION BOARD MEMBER

Agafangel Merculieff
ELECTION BOARD MEMBER

Dated this 27th day of JANUARY, 1971, at St. George Island, Alaska